

**REMARKS**

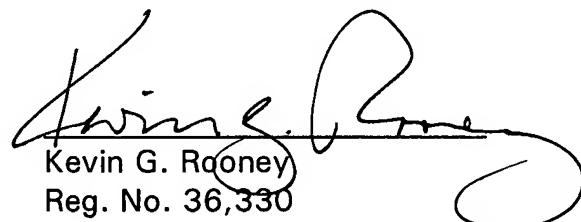
By this Preliminary Amendment, the specification has been replaced by a Substitute Specification and the claims have been amended leaving claims 1-4, 6 and 8-12 pending.

The Substitute Specification is based on the translation (copy enclosed) of the German language specification and the Examiner has been provided with a marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification in accordance with MPEP § 608.01(q). The marked-up copy shows deletions in the translation in brackets and insertions to the translation underlined. The amendments have been made to conform the specification to U.S. format, to correct typographical errors and to eliminate multiple dependent claims. It is respectfully submitted that no "new matter" has been added by this substitute specification and confirmation of this through entry of the substitute specification by the Examiner would be appreciated.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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